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Montana Health Care Programs Notice

Physician, Mid-Level, and Pharmacy

Changes to the Medicare Part D Drug Benefit for Dual Eligible Clients – Benzodiazepines

Effective January 1, 2013

Due to changes in Federal law, Medicaid will no longer pay for benzodiazepines for dual eligible clients (those with both Medicare and Medicaid coverage).

Benzodiazepines will be covered by the dual eligible client's Medicare Part D prescription drug plan (PDP). In addition, most barbiturates will also be covered under Medicare Part D. Medicaid may cover the barbiturate if it is not used for chronic mental illness, epilepsy, or cancer. Montana Medicaid will use SmartPA® to prevent Medicaid payment for benzodiazepines and to review diagnoses for barbiturates.

To answer your questions on Medicare Part D, please refer to the provider manual at <http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/pdf/pharmacy.pdf>.

Pharmacies and prescribers may submit prior authorization requests by mail, telephone, or fax to:

Drug Prior Authorization Unit
Mountain-Pacific Quality Health
3404 Cooney Drive
Helena, MT 59602
(406) 443-6002 or (800) 395-7961 (Phone)
(406) 513-1928 or (800) 294-1350 (Fax)

To request prior authorization, providers must submit the information requested on the *Request for Drug Prior Authorization Form* to the Drug Prior Authorization Unit. This form is on the Provider Information website at <http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/pdf/forms/2012/requestfordrugpriorauthorization.pdf>.

Contact Information

If you have questions regarding this notice, contact Dave Campana at (406) 444-5951.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1-800-624-3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or (406) 442-1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com.

Visit the Provider Information website at <http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov>.